

# By the Lord Deputie and Councell.

HENRY FALKLAND.



Hereas for prevention of such disorders, ryotts & rebellions within this Realme, as might grow by loose & dissolute all people, having meanes to arme themselves, to do mischiese against his Maiestie and the Common wealth, divers Proclamations haue beene heretofore published by the late Lo: Deputies and Councell of this Kingdome, commanding that no Master or owner of any Ship, Barque, or any Merchant, Factor, or other Tradesman, nor any other person or persons whatsoeuer, denizen or stranger, shold bring or cause to be brought into this Kingdome or any part thereof, without speciall licence from the Lords of the Councell in England, or from the Lo: Deputy and Councell here, any quantity or quantities of Gunpowder, or any Muskets, Calliuers, Hand-gunnis, Pistols, or other Peeces, Armois, or any other furniture for the warres (Swords and Rapiers, and Sword and Rapiers blades onely excepted) upon paine of his Maiesties displeasure and indignation, and upon paine of seisure and forfeiture of the same, whereof the one mortie to be to the use of the Kings most excellent Maiestie, and the other mortie to the use of such person or persons as shold so discouer and seise the same to his Maiesties use. And we being now againe informed that the said Proclamations haue of late beene little regarded, but that great quantites of Powder, Armes, and other warlike munition of all kindes haue beene daily brought into this Kingdome from foraine parts, and sale thereof made to all sortes of people, without respect of persons, so as many loose Earnes, and idle persons of bad and lewd behaviour, being furnished and armed with powder, peeces and other warlike weapons, doe not only make great spoyle and havock of red and fallow Deere, and other game within the proper lands of sundry Noblemen and Gentlemen of this kingdome, but are therby the rather imboldned to commit divers insolent ryotts, burglaries, robberies and murders, and many times to runne into open action of rebellion, to the great disturbance of the publike peace, and trouble of the State and Common wealth of this kingdome: By meanes whereof, greater mischieves and inconueniences may happen in this Realme, if due care and circumspection be not speedily had for preventing the same. And although after so many warnings given, we may justly call such persons to account as haue offendred against the said Proclamations, by imposing the vtmost penaltie that by the tenor of the same might be inflicted upon them for their wilful contempt against his Maiestie and the State in that behalfe: Yet hoping that by the renewing of the said former Proclamations once more, the same will from henceforth be more strictly obserued and kept then heretofore it hath beene, we therefore do againe in the name of the Kings most excellent Maiestie, declare, publish, and command, That no Master or Owner of any Ship or Barque, or any Merchant, Factor, or other tradesman, nor any other person or persons whatsoeuer, denizen or stranger, shall from henceforth bring or cause to be brought into this Kingdome, or any part thereof, (without speciall licence from the Lords of the Councell in England, or from us the Lord Deputy and Councell of this Kingdome) any quantity or quantities of Gunpowder, or any Muskets, Calliuers, Handgunnis, Pistols, or other Peeces, Armois, or other furniture for the warres (Swords and Rapiers, and Sword and Rapiers blades onely excepted) upon paine of his Maiesties displeasure and indignation, and upon paine of seisure and forfeiture of the same, whereof the one mortie to be to the use of the Kings Maiestie, and the one halfe of the other mortie to be for the officer of his Maiesties Store, where the same be sepled, and the other mortie and halfe of the also said mortie, to be giuen to him who shall discouer and seise the same, or the value thereof according to his Maiesties rates. And we do further in his Maiesties Name declare and publish, That if any merchant, factor, or tradesman, or any other person or persons within this Realme now haue or at any time hereafter shall happen to haue any quantites or quantities of gunpowder, or any Muskets, Calliuers, handgunnis, or other Peeces, Armois, or other abiliments of warre (Swords and Rapiers, and sword and rapiers blades excepted) in his or their hands or possession, to the intent to sell the same or any part thereof to any person or persons, that then such merchant, factor, or other person or persons, within one moneth after the date of this Proclamation, or within one moneth after the said powder or munition shall come to his or their hands, shall upon paine of seisure and forfeiture thereof, and upon paine of his Maiesties displeasure and indignation, bring or cause to be brought all such powder, and other munition, into one of his Maiesties Stores of Ordnance and munition, whereupon we the Lord Deputy and Councell shall from time to time take order, and prouide that the officers of his Maiesties Ordnance and munition shall receive the same, and the owner or owners thereof immediately upon the delivery thereof into his Maiesties Store, be fully satisfied and payed for the same, at such reasonable rates as the gunpowder or other munition shall be worth at the time of the delivery and receipt thereof, as aforesaid. Provided alwayes, that it shall and may be lawfull to and for every citie or towne corporat within this Realme, to retaine and keep within their severall Stores, such powder or munition for the necessary defence of the said cities and townes corporate, so as the said corporations doe within forty dayes after the date hereof, certifie us the Lo: Deputie and Councell, what quantity or quantities of powder or other munition they and every of them haue now in their Stores, and so as they nor any of them doe not issue the same nor any part thereof by way of sale. And we do further declare and publish, That if any Nobleman, Gentleman, or person of honest and good behaviour, or if any citie or corporation, or any Owner or Master of a Barque or Ship going to Sea, shall haue occasion to use any reasonable quantite of powder, or any muskets, calliuers, or other furniture of warre, That every such person & persons, & every such citie, towne or corporation, shalbe from time to time, by the warrant of the Lo: Deputy, or by the warrant of the severall Presidents of the prouinces of Munster and Connacht, or of other commanders or gouernours within their severall commands, furnished and supplyed of any such competent quantite of powder or munition as he or they shall desire to use, at such reasonable and easie rates as his Maiestie doth usually issue the same to his Army within this land. And we do hereby expesly charge & command all & every gouernor & gouernor, Paroys, Soueraignes, Pottresses, Bayliffes, Constables, and all Customers, Searchers, and Controllers, within all and every the Ports, Hauers and Creeke of this Realme, and all others his Maiesties Officers and ministers to whom it may appertaine, That they and every of them do from time to time use and imploie their best diligence and endeouours to discouer and seize to his Maiesties use as aforesaid, such quantites of powder, muskets, Calliuers, hand-gunnis, Peeces, and other munition and furniture of warre, as shall be brought into this kingdome or any part thereof, to be sold to any person or persons, or which any merchant, factor, or other person or persons shall detayne and keepe in his hands or possession, to the intent to sell the same, contrary to the purport of this Proclamation. And that herein they sayle not to perfore their dutyes, as they will answer the contrary at their perills. Provided alwayes, that it shall not be lawfull for any person or persons whatsoeuer, wearing any Irish Mantle or Trowles, to vse, carry or keepe any Musket, Calliuer, hand-gunner, Pistoll or other Peece or Peeces, nor to haue or use any gunpowder, nor to weare, carry or keepe any murrion, head-peete, or any other armes whatsoeuer inuiaue or defensiuue, upon paine to forfeit the same to his Maiestie. And that it shall be lawfull for every Nobleman, Gentleman, or other person of honest and good behaviour, conuincing him or themselves unto the English fashion of apparel, to seize and take away the same, and the same so seized and taken away, to carry to the next Justice of the peace, to the intent the same may be deliuered in to his maiesties next Magazin or Storke-house of munition and armour in those parts, or to such person or persons as shall haue oversight or command of the same.

And whereas many times heretofore instructions haue beene giuen, as well to the Lords Presidents in the severall prouinces, as to the Justices of Allee in their severall circutes and sessions, for abolishing the vse of Irish apparel, and the reducing of all men to vse a ciuill and comely attire, according to the Lawes and Statutes of this Kingdome: Yet although they haue (according to the said instructions) indeuoured to take away the barbarous custome of wearing Mantles, Trowles, Skeynes, and such like vnciuell and vntomyly apparel, we see notwithstanding, the vse of them rather increased then any wayes reformed or abated, even to this day, to the great contempt of authority, and the disgrace of this kingdome among other ciuill nations. For reformation whereof, we haue thought fit hereby once more to giue all men notice, that as his Maiestie hath often recommended the care of the redresse of the said barbarous custome unto us, and abolisht the vse of such vnseneomy apparel, so now we intend to inflict the vtmost penaltie of law upon such as from and after the time hereby prescribed shall presume either to weare the said barbarous attire, or to suffer any within their family or rule to weare and vse the same, contrary to the Lawes and Statutes of this kingdome. And doe therefore hereby straightly charge and command, That from and after Pentecost next no man do wears any Mantle, Trowles, or long Skeynes, nor do suffer any to be worne by any within his family, government or rule, but by the time aforesaid doe attire themselves, their chyldeyn, seruants, and followers in such comely manner as the ciuilest subiects of this kingdome now vse to doe: In default whereof, they are to expect no fauour, but to be proceeded against for their wilfull and obstinate contempt, in the severest maner that by the Lawes and Statutes of this kingdome may be taken against them, and besides such other punishments to be inflicted upon them, as the Law doth impose. We hereby charge and command, That no person which from and after the feast aforesaid, shall weare or vse any Irish apparel or weapon shall presume to come, nor shalbe admitted to haue accessse or audience to or at the Councell table, or in any Court of Justice in this kingdome, nor before any Judge or Magistrate, vpon any matter or cause of private complaint whatsoeuer. And we doe likewise hereby straightly command all Sherifffes, Prouost Marshals, and other Officers, that as they shall finde any man that after Pentecost next shall weare any such long Skeyne, to take the same and breake them, and such men as they shall finde wearing of Mantles or Trowles out of their owne houses, to take the same from them, and before their faces to cut them into peeces, that they never be worne againe. Of the execution whereof, we require the said Sherifffes and Prouost Marshals, and other his Maiesties Officers, to be very carefull, as they will answer the contrary and their neglect or remissenesse therein. Provided alwayes, That it shall and may be lawfull to or for any person or persons to vse or weare any Mantle within his or their houses, notwithstanding any thing in this proclamation, to the contrary. Given at his Maiesties Castle of Dublin the fift of Aprill. 1624.

Hen: Valentia.

Brabazon.

Fra: Blundell.

Dudly Norton.

Will: Parsons.

Roger Jones.

God save the King.

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